

Meir to map Labour policy on areas

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Prime Minister has stepped in to settle the ongoing argument between Defence Minister Moshe Dayan and the rest of the Labour Party leadership on future policy in the territories. Mrs. Golda Meir advised her colleagues, meeting yesterday in her

office in the Tel Aviv Kirya, that she would herself produce a written draft of future policy in the territories in time for their third and final session. This will most probably be held on Monday.

Mrs. Meir's step was considered of major importance as her draft would automatically become the basis for the Labour Alignment's election platform, and then serve as guidelines for her next government's working programme.

However, because of a strict news blackout it is not entirely clear what kind of formula the Prime Minister can produce that will satisfy both Mr. Dayan and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. The meeting was attended by all Labour Party ministers plus the Party Secretary-General and his two deputies.

Most of the meeting was taken up by speakers' comments on Mr. Dayan's proposals. These focused on development plans in the territories, an outline of a refugee rehabilitation programme, and intensified settlement. Apart from Mrs. Meir, Mr. Sapir and Mr. Dayan himself, also participating were Cabinet members Abba Eban, Ya'acov Shimshon Shapira, Shimon Peres, Haim Gvati, Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadin and his deputy, Avraham Gever.

It is understood that Mr. Gvati concentrated his ministry's (Agriculture) plans in the territories while Mr. Shapira was reported to have voiced his compromise for

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Skylab flight in danger: Rescue plan

HOUSTON. — The U.S. Space Agency last night made the first precautionary moves towards a rescue mission in case the Skylab astronauts are marooned aboard their orbiting space station. The possibility of an emergency splashdown in the Pacific today was ruled out by the Nasa officials.

Contingency plans to launch a stripped-down Apollo spacecraft and retrieve the three crewmen have been put in motion. But the officials stressed that this was purely a precaution — it would take almost six weeks to prepare and launch the rescue mission, and by then it might not be necessary at all.

Word of the Space Agency's decision to continue with the mission was relayed to astronauts Alan Bean, Jack Louma and Dr. Owen Garriot.

"You just said the right words," said Bean, the mission commander. "We've been hoping you'd say that all day. That's the word we've been waiting for."

"Speaking for Owen and Jack, we are happy with the way things are going up here. We feel we have the capability to return home safely."

Signs last night were that the problem was not considered urgent enough to attempt to bring the crew back today in their suspect Apollo ferry, now docked at one end of Skylab.

But Dr. Christopher C. Kraft, Director of the Johnson Space Centre here, said experts were still unable to determine whether the two fuel leaks in Apollo's thrust-jet system were unrelated and coincidental or part of a more ominous problem.

The problem — fuel leaking from the control rockets of the ferry ship — probably cannot be repaired, Nasa officials said. The leak had stopped at mid-afternoon, but controllers said if the astronauts tried to use the rockets, they would probably leak profusely.

Dr. Kraft told the astronauts that although they had the rocket failure on Apollo, ground controllers were confident the ferry ship could be used to get home in an emergency, before the rescue ship could be made ready for launch.

He said in the meantime the flight would proceed as planned, but he postponed a 3½ hour spacewalk set for tomorrow.

Thursday was the sixth day of the mission, which started with

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NORWAY GOV'T MEETING TODAY ON ISRAEL TIES

OSLO. — The murder of a Moroccan by an alleged pro-Israeli group in Norway last month and its implications on relations between Norway and Israel will be discussed at an extraordinary meeting of the Government today, a spokesman announced yesterday.

Lars Korvald's office said a press statement from the meeting or possibly a statement by Foreign Minister Dagfinn Vaarvik could be expected. Mr. Vaarvik is acting Premier in Mr. Korvald's absence on vacation.

Police remained tight-lipped about investigations into the affair, which so far has resulted in the arrest and charges against two Israelis and four other alleged pro-Israeli agents.

The police had also issued a warrant for 11 other persons suspected of belonging to an anti-Arab and pro-Zionist group that was believed to have come to Norway last month with orders to foil attacks on Israeli institutions allegedly planned by the Black September organization.

Under-Secretary of State, Per Hoyerbaaten, who made the announcement, would not speculate on suggestions that the Cabinet might decide to expel Tigris Bial, security officer of the Israeli Embassy here, because of his involvement in the case.

Norwegian newspapers have said that Mr. Bial's expulsion as a person non grata seemed inevitable after two members of the group which allegedly killed Ahmed Bouchiki at Lillehammer on July 21 were arrested in his home.

Norwegian Foreign Ministry spokesman Forvick said earlier said that two many agents of the case still remained to be cleared up, and suggested that no immediate action against Bial was being considered by Norwegian authorities.

Norwegian police announced on Wednesday night that the six arrested, two of them women, were charged with being accessories to murder and of carrying out illegal intelligence activity in Norway.

The charge of being accessories to murder carries a maximum life sentence and a minimum of six years in jail, while the charge of illegal intelligence activity carries a maximum of two years in jail.

NIXON'S BED & BUGGING Pat got separate bedroom: 'Dick wakes up, uses tape recorder'

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Mrs. Pat Nixon insisted on having a bedroom of her own when she moved into the White House because she said President Nixon woke up during the night and spoke into a tape recorder, it was reported yesterday.

President Nixon, now enmeshed in the Watergate bugging scandal, was also said to have had a "cat's cradle of electric wires" removed from under his White House bed before he moved in.

"The Washington Post" quoting from the memoirs of a former White House usher, J. Bernard West, to appear next month in a book called "Upstairs at the White House," said Mrs. Nixon remarked before she moved into the White House:

"I'll have a room of my own. Nobody could sleep with Dick. He wakes up during the night, switches on the lights and speaks into his tape recorder or takes notes. It's impossible."

According to Mr. West, President Nixon seemed concerned about being bugged himself. Peeking under the bed which had been occupied by Presidents Johnson and Kennedy, he spotted a "cat's cradle of electric wires" and was told they were for tape recorders, remote television controls and other items. The wires were removed.

Hand-to-hand clashes near Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH. — Government troops battled hand to hand yesterday with Communist-led insurgents, who despite American air attacks fought their way into a town 20 kilometres from the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh. Other insurgent forces reached positions five kilometres from the capital.

Thailand-based U.S. fighter-bombers swept over the capital continually during the day on their way to pound the insurgents, who also cut a strategic highway behind the city's defence lines. In Saigon — which is 260 kilometres from Phnom Penh — a

Government spokesman said that the security of Cambodia had a direct influence on the security of South Vietnam. He told reporters that if Phnom Penh fell and the security of South Vietnam was directly threatened the government in Saigon would consider the possibility of sending in troops.

"We cannot go into details," the spokesman said, "but the issue of despatching South Vietnamese troops to help Cambodia will be raised if Phnom Penh fell. Up to now we have no plans."

The U.S. Congress has ordered that American bombing in Cambodia be halted by August 15. In Phnom Penh, informed sources said an estimated 3,000 relatives of leading government officials and wealthy businessmen have left for Paris, Hongkong and Thailand as the insurgents tighten their noose around the city.

Army Commander Maj-Gen. Sostene Fernandez and Phnom Penh's police chief are among those who have evacuated their families from this beleaguered city of three million, the sources said.

CUT HIGHWAY

The Communist-led forces infiltrating government defence lines in Cambodia cut the highway south of Phnom Penh and forced their way into the town of Deyeth, 20 kilometres south-east of the capital. The hand-to-hand fighting was reported from this front.

The fighting took place two miles behind the government's defence lines. Field reports said refugees were fleeing toward the capital.

Shortly after dark yesterday a volley of small-arms fire rang out in central Phnom Penh. The shooting lasted for only a few seconds.

In Paris, South Vietnam charged yesterday that Hanoi has sent 66,000 troops and North Vietnamese cadres, about 400 tanks, 200 heavy artillery guns and some 300 anti-aircraft guns, to Vietnam in violation of the cease-fire.

The accusations were made by Saigon's Vice-Premier, Nguyen Luu Vien, at yesterday's negotiating session with the Vietnamese on the future regime in South Vietnam.

"Since the signing of the Paris (cease-fire) Agreement you have not hesitated to send openly from the North into South Vietnam more than 66,000 troops and North Vietnamese cadres, about 400 tanks, 200 heavy artillery guns and some 300 anti-aircraft guns," Vien said.

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Blast slightly damages Gaza railway line

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — An explosive charge caused slight damage to the railway line at a point one kilometre north of here on Wednesday night. A sleeper was damaged, and replaced yesterday morning.

The blast, caused by an estimated half kilo of explosives, occurred at 9 p.m. — some four hours after the line's last passenger train from Tel Aviv to Gaza passed the spot. The line is mainly used by Arab labourers.

It was the third abortive attempt in the past week to sabotage transport carrying Arab workers employed in Israel.

NEGUB COMES OUT OF THE COLD Nasser's predecessor freed by Sadat two years ago

By ANAN SAFADI

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt's first president, General Mohammed Neguib, who led Nasser's group of "Free Officers" in overthrowing the monarchy in 1952, yesterday broke an 18-year silence to reveal that he had been released by President Anwar Sadat in 1971.

Neguib was placed under house arrest by Nasser in November 1954 after he was relieved of his top post as head of state at the height of a power struggle between the two leaders.

In an interview with the Beirut independent weekly, "Al Hawadeth," due to appear today, Neguib said that Sadat had restored his salary and allowed him other privileges. "He has given me a diplomatic passport," Neguib said, declaring that Nasser's successor had treated him with a "human touch."

Neguib indicated that Sadat ordered his release shortly after he took over power in Egypt following Nasser's death in September 1970. "But the orders of my release were delayed by the gang which was plotting against Sadat, until the President found out about the delay and ordered my release within an hour," Neguib said. He was obviously referring to objections to his release by former Vice-President Ali Sabry, who later was arrested by Sadat along with other top government officials in May 1971.

In his first press interview since he was forced into retirement, Neguib, now 71, said that he wanted

now to talk about his 28-months in power. Part of the memoirs he plans to write will appear in "Al Hawadeth." Neguib emphasised he did not concern only Egypt, but the entire Arab nation.

In discussing the power struggle during his presidency, Neguib said that the U.S. had twice offered to support him against Nasser, and that he turned down the Americans.

He said the two American offers were made on behalf of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency by an Egyptian millionaire, Ahmed Abboud Fasha, and Saudi Arabia's late army Chief of Staff, Maj-Gen. Sa'ad el-Kurdi.

"Both told me in separate meetings that the CIA had reliable reports that Nasser was plotting my overthrow and that the U.S. was ready to use its influence and its vast financial potential and intelligence network to support me," Neguib said.

"I was so angry that I threatened to order Abboud Fasha's arrest if he came with the proposition again. As for Kurdi, who was a close friend and comrade-in-arms during the 1948 Palestine war, I reproached him, asking whether he would approve of my acceptance of foreign help to retain power," he added.

Neguib's return to the public scene is likely to stir repercussions among Egypt's political circles, which have been under Sadat's covert pressure of de-Nasserisation. It may also have an effect on Sadat's relations with Libya's Muammar

ling a home-made bomb at the time.

The hotel was badly damaged. The man arrived at the hotel on Monday. The police did not give his name.

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General Neguib, right, with millionaire Ahmed Abboud, who allegedly brought a U.S. offer for support against Abdul Nasser, shortly after the Egyptian revolution.

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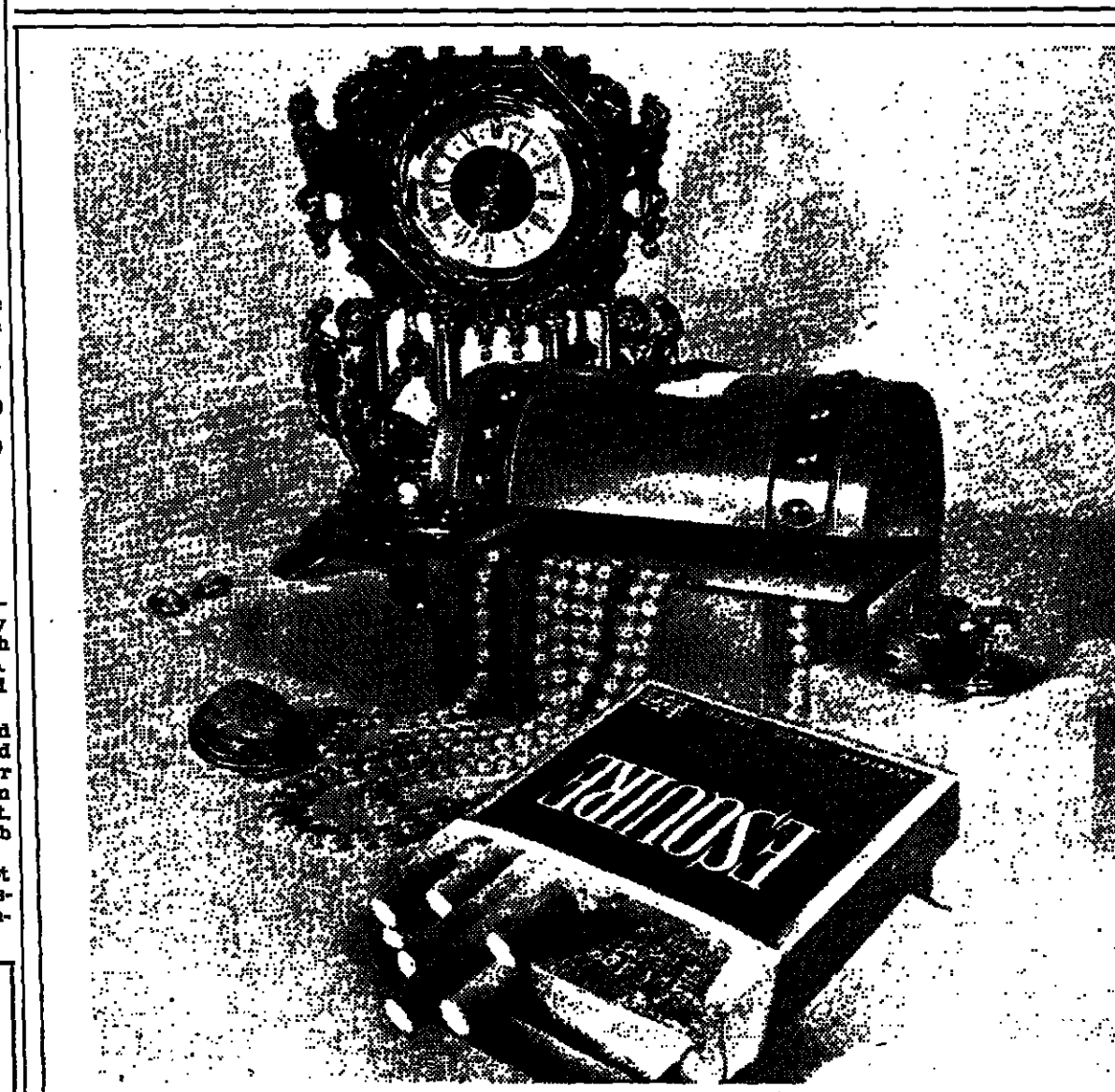
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Kollek wants two months to fix slaughterhouse

Jerusalem Post Staff
Mayor Teddy Kolek is expected to order to undertake all the improvements needed to rescind a Ministry of Health closure order against the Jerusalem Municipal poultry abattoir in Ramat Gan. The Mayor reportedly will make the offer to complete the work within two months, in a meeting with Health Minister Victor Shumov.

On Sunday, the slaughterhouse was ordered closed by a Ministry of Health inspector, for failure to install proper soundproofing and provide landscaping around the abattoir, a new building operated jointly by the Municipality and poultry dealers affiliated to the Jerusalem Commerce Federation.

In protest against the "arbitrary" closure order, poultry retailers closed their shops on Wednesday, and warned they would create an outdoor slaughterhouse outside the Municipality if the Ramat Gan abattoir was not reopened.

Meanwhile, the slaughterhouse's managers have met with families

living nearby, who have complained about midday-of-the-night shrieking of the birds. The managers promised — if the abattoir is reopened — to arrange for Thru's chicken-laden trucks to be driven directly to the top storey of the building, which is 14 metres above ground level. The slaughtering operation would also be moved upstairs.

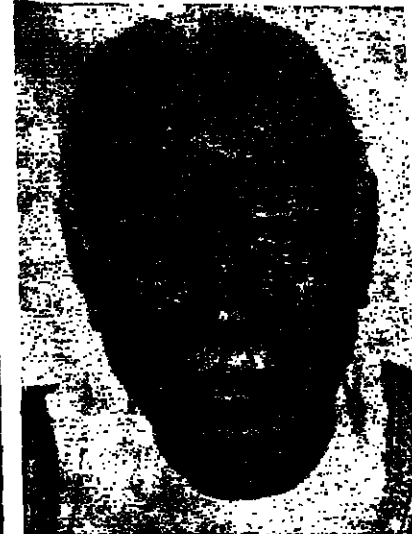
Ramat Gan youths look for ways to improve town

RAMAT GAN. — Members of the Ramat Gan Youth Council are roving the streets of their town to suggest ways in which its appearance can be improved.

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Rashad Khatib must resume exile



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The authorities have turned down a request by a Hebron notable, Rashad al-Khatib, to extend his month-long stay under the current summer visit scheme. Mr. Khatib, a Minister in several former Jordanian governments and now a member of Amman's Upper House, plans to return to Jordan today via the Allenby Bridge.

Mr. Khatib was banished from Hebron to Jordan some three years ago for hostile political activity. Last month he was permitted to come for four weeks to see his ailing mother, following a personal appeal from mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'ar to Defence Minister Moshe Dayan.

On his arrival, Mr. Khatib expressed the hope that he would be allowed to remain for good. But soon afterwards he resumed political activity, leading a flurry of press statements challenging Israel's Middle East policy.

From TV House to Gadna Command

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Former Television director Yehoshua Tadmor has been named O.C. Gadna. He will replace Aluf-Mishne Baruch Levy, who is leaving the army to become coordinator of the programme for disadvantaged youth at the Prime Minister's office.

Tadmor, 39, will be promoted to the rank of Aluf-Mishne (colonel) when he assumes the post on August 9. Tadmor, who has been on loan from the Defence Forces to the Broadcasting Authority since September 1971, has been closely associated with educational and training programmes in the 20 years he has been in uniform. The last post he held before joining Television was head of information at Training Command.

Chief Rabbi 'grieved' by council leakage to press

Jerusalem Post Staff
Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has issued a statement condemning the leakage to the press this week of the Chief Rabbinate Council's decision on the recalcitrant rabbi of Rishon LeZion, Rabbi Yosef's chief of bureau, Mr. Yosef Duek, termed the leakage "contrary to halacha."

Several newspapers (including The Jerusalem Post) yesterday carried a report of the Council's decision Wednesday that the two Chief Rabbis were to investigate the case of Rishon's Rabbi Yehuda Wolpe. A Tel Aviv rabbinical court had

pronounced a ban on Rabbi Wolpe for his failure to obey the court's verdict in litigation involving his father-in-law's estate.

Chief Rabbi Yosef stated that the Chief Rabbinate Council specially decided on Wednesday that nothing of its deliberations on this issue would be published. Nevertheless the leakage occurred immediately after the Council session.

"Rabbi Yosef" said the statement, "expresses his grief and his displeasure at such actions which adversely affect the image and the authority of the Chief Rabbinate Council."

Raw material 6% rise in pensions imports rise

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The price index of imported raw materials increased by 10 per cent in the first quarter of this year over the 1972 average, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Contributing to this rise were: raw wool, up 59 per cent; wheat, 37; sugar, 18; barley, 13; and rubber, 12 per cent.

The price index of imported consumer goods rose by four per cent in the first three months of 1973, with durable goods taking on three per cent.

Prices received for Israel's agricultural exports were about 10 per cent higher in the first quarter, while sales of industrial goods abroad (excluding diamonds) brought an increase in price of approximately six per cent.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL50,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets No. 248486 and No. 467828. Number 079162 won IL50,000. Numbers 138379 and 325499 won IL12,500. Tickets 018581, 051513, 144708 and 467870 won IL4,250. Tickets ending in "1" won IL1,000.

The following won IL1,250: 147445, 247072, 394254, 781865, 718363, 098317, 242218, 378181, 485196, 088047, 235698, 363607, 475480, 075808, 202092, 339150, 459831, 048982, 173776, 305404 and 435427. Tickets ending with 00350, 30825, 41213, 43874, 43325, 60584, 82128, 11110, 94818 and 85230 each won IL200.

Tickets ending with 01280, 02588, 04100, 11013, 13573, 18986, 27742, 30484, 32961, 35221, 40613, 44104, 44699, 47839, 48532, 50403, 51238, 53963, 64114, 69483, 81513, 88491, 92559, 98923 and 94415 won IL250. Tickets ending with 0583, 2586, 4804, 4944, 5543, 6987, 8159 won IL100.

Tickets ending with the following four digits won IL50: 0222, 0283, 0924, 0438, 0644, 0981, 1152, 1996, 2182, 2510, 2700, 2723, 3000, 3891, 4162, 5122, 5407, 5424, 5884, 6050, 6118, 6462, 6509, 6821, 6804, 6898, 7373, 7471, 7481, 7539, 7583, 7861, 7954, 7981, 8316, 8784, 9196, 9235 and 9871.

Comptroller gives police good marks

Jerusalem Post Reporter
SEPHAR AM — State Comptroller Yitzhak Nebezhai said here yesterday that in his department for complaints from the public he receives numerous accusations against the police, but a much smaller percentage of them are found justified than those against any other arm of the State.

He was speaking at the graduation of officers at the police training base here. In an affluent society, he said, the voice of those who do not share in its full benefits becomes louder, putting an extra strain on the police.

M.K.s to query Gvati on plans for Arad Chemicals

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The head of the Knesset Economic Committee yesterday asked Development Minister Haim Gvati to report to it on future plans for troubled Arad Chemicals.

The request from Committee Chairman Avraham Schechterman (Gahal) followed the decision by the Chemical complex's management to keep trying to operate its present reactor, or giant oven, instead of adopting the recommendations of a scientific committee to introduce Israel-made reactors and scrap its existing apparatus.

(The Schechterman committee has been investigating the problems of the Arad plant, which has run up a IL123m. loss over the years, and will probably lose IL50m. this fiscal year.)

The management decided yesterday to go on using one of the two reactors built for it by an American company. The equipment had broken down, and has now been repaired. It will run at 50 per cent capacity for two weeks, and then be raised in 10 per cent leaps to full capacity if there are no more faults.

The committee headed by Prof. Yitzhak Dobrowolsky of the Weizmann Institute had recommended abandoning the present reactors, one of the most expensive parts of the complex, and switching to the kind of facilities developed by an Israeli scientist and applied successfully at Arad Chemicals' neighbour, Pericla.

Lands Authority expels squatters

The Israel Lands Authority is fencing off its open lots in the Tel Aviv area and expelling squatters, the Authority announced yesterday. The action is concentrated on areas such as the Kirya and Holon, a spokesman said. He added the move followed complaints from various authorities, including the Tel Aviv Municipality, that squatters were putting up unlicensed huts in poor sanitary conditions on state-owned land.

More evictions would take place later in Jerusalem and other parts of the country, he said. The action would head off later demands for compensation by the squatters and save the taxpayers "millions of pounds," the Authority said.

Three foreigners deported for offences

The Interior Ministry has ordered the expulsion of three foreign nationals for various offences. The three are: Elizabetha Christine, of the U.S., who, the Ministry says, has been in Israel without a valid visa since October 4, 1971; Pedro Corbell, of Mexico, who owes money to hotels and hospitals in Israel and is also wanted by British and Mexican police; and Siegfried Meas, of West Germany, who was fined IL700 and given a three-month sentence for possessing 15 LSD tablets.

Prof. Barkai may head Nat'l Insurance

TEL AVIV. — Labour Minister Yosef Almog wants Prof. Haim Barkai to become director of the Ministry's National Insurance Institute. It was confirmed here yesterday. The post became vacant with the resignation of Dr. Israel Katz, who is likely to become a Labour Party Knesset candidate.

Prof. Barkai, of the Hebrew University, writes and speaks on economic and social affairs.

Batsheva dancers 'resigned'

By DORIS SOWDEN

Jerusalem Post Dance Reporter
Thirteen dancers from the Batsheva Dance Company are regarded by the company's management as having resigned, following their refusal to appear in two Israel Festival performances.

The 13 refused to appear at Pardes Hanna and at Lydda last month, complaining that these places were unsuitable. The management visited the two places and, noting that requested improvements had been made, said that an Israeli dance company had to perform outside the main urban centres to develop audiences.

A management letter to the dancers saying their refusal to perform was regarded as resignation brought an apology from the dancers involved, who themselves suggested they be dismissed.

The Batsheva advised arbitration, but at a meeting held last night the company management decided that the dancers still would be considered to have resigned. The reason given is that the company's composition is normally reconsidered at the season's end, in August, and any dancers wishing to re-apply for membership would be reconsidered.

The company's leading dancers — Rina Schenfeld, Rina Glick, Yael Vardi, Rhod Ben-David and Derek Linton — were not involved in the dispute.

Sharett Fund enriched by its beneficiaries

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Sharett fund for promising musicians collected IL200,000 this week through the services of two of its early beneficiaries, Pinhas Zuckerman and Yitzhak Perlman. The fund's management, headed by B.M. Gitter, sold 900 seats at "gala" prices for a concert featuring the two violinists at the Mann Auditorium on Wednesday.

Records of Bach's works played by the two soloists and autographed by them were sold at IL25 each. Mr. Gitter thanked the contributors at a reception at the Tarnish Restaurant in Old Jaffa after the concert.

LOD AIRPORT set the year's passenger traffic record this week, reporting almost 10,000 arrivals and departures daily.

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Lahat offers to debate T.A. traffic solutions

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Shlomo Lahat, Gahal's candidate for mayor of Tel Aviv, yesterday challenged incumbent Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz to a "serious debate" on his programme for solving Tel Aviv's traffic problems — including an "immediately applicable" plan for making three main arteries one-way at rush hour.

Addressing a group of persons in the transport field, Mr. Lahat charged that "Mayor Rabinowitz overuses expressions such as 'working on solutions, and a group of

experts are looking into it.' Such expressions show that the Mayor is trying to throw sand in the eyes of the public. My plans can be operational in two to four months, and the Municipality just cannot digest this type of thinking, which is new to it."

Mayor Rabinowitz said earlier this week that Mr. Lahat did not know the facts about the transport problems of Tel Aviv and hinted that his campaign challenger may change his mind. He said he had borrowed some of his ideas from plans being worked on now by the city.

Hauliers plan slow drive on Sunday

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There will be disruptions on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway on Sunday morning if the hauliers carry out a threat to send more than 200 lorries up to Jerusalem at slow speed.

The truckers intend to protest at Hadya in the Capital, alleging that Government offices are "dragging their feet" on their demands for higher freight charges. Last March the truckers demanded a 15 per cent increase because of rising operation costs. Ministry of Transport economists calculate that the "real cost rise" had only been eight per cent and saw no need for increasing freight charges. The Ministry advised the truckers then to wait until November, when the Ministry would review operation costs. November will mark a year since the last increase in freight charges.

An offer of an immediate seven per cent increase — subject to approval by the Cabinet Economic Committee — was made to the Road Haulage Board yesterday at a meeting with representatives from the Hatzadut and the Ministries of Finance and Transport. But a general meeting of the Board later in the day rejected the offer and Sunday's protest action was decided upon.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN friends of Shalom Zedek have decided to endow a project in the post-operative intensive care centre of the new Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in memory of Arye Louis Pinson, Chairman of the World Zionist Organization, who died last week.

Must plan for one million vehicles by 1985

HERZLIYA. — There will be about one million vehicles on Israel roads by 1985, almost triple today's 360,000, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Yascoli said here on Wednesday.

The increase, he said, necessitates organizational changes during the next decade including giving preference to public transport over private vehicles; a system of fly-over bridges, tunnels and clover-leaf junctions to regulate the flow of traffic on major roads, and staggering school and business hours to spread peak traffic periods.

Mr. Yascoli, who was speaking to a national convention of garage managers, also said the number of garage hands had failed to keep up with the increase in vehicles during the last decade. He called for increased productivity and more trained workers in garages over the next decade.

Speedy building in Kiryat Ono

A new construction method, which a 16-apartment building to be completed in six months, was shown to Housing Minister Zeev Sharf during his tour of Kiryat Ono yesterday.

The method entails the use of prefabricated aluminium components. It was demonstrated to Mr. Sharf by the construction engineer, Elhanan Klein, whose company is using the new method to build 250 apartments in Kiryat Ono, 160 in Ramat Gan and 150 in five agricultural settlements.

The new method should cut building time down to six months for a four-storey 16-apartment building — a record for Israel, Mr. Klein said.



Robbed, then hit by bus

BEERSHEBA. — Two men were abducted and robbed of IL400 on Wednesday night by three youths posing as soldiers. One of the victims, Hamdan Khalil, 48, was later run over by a bus when he waved to it to stop.

The two, from Hebron, were approached in Beersheba by the youths who claimed they were soldiers and were putting them into a jeep and drove them about three kms. along the road to Dimona. There they took the money and abandoned their victims.

The two men thumbed down a passing bus, which struck Khalil, causing him serious injury. He was admitted to hospital here.

The other man is his cousin, Hussein Zaidat, 30.

Police mounted a search for the robbers and also detained the bus driver.

Confession extorted, says diamond theft accused

TEL AVIV. — The court trying airport porter David Cohen for the \$500,000 diamond theft from Lod Airport in April began hearings yesterday on the circumstances in which he made his confession.

His counsel, Mr. Zvi Lidasky, claimed it was extorted by police with the help of false promises and psychological duress.

Mr. Lidasky made the following charges:

— Cohen is an opium addict, and police promised to release him on bail, so that he could obtain drug doses, if he confessed.

— The interrogators pledged to give him a \$150,000 reward offered for information leading to the recovery of the gems, if he turned State's evidence.

— Different interrogators questioned Cohen each day to keep him under mental stress.

The 19-year-old accused is regarded from childhood, and, considering his drug addiction, he required medical treatment, but this was denied to him during his detention.

The first witness on the confession question to face the Tel Aviv District Court was Superintendent Karol Schwartz, whom Mr. Lidasky said was on the interrogating team.

Mr. Schwartz said his role was entirely technical, and that he was in no position to make promises to the accused. This was the prerogative of the Commander who headed the investigation, he said.

However, he testified that he had talked to the accused, but had heard nothing from him about drug addiction. Nor had he heard any promises being made to Cohen.

The trial continues in September, after the court summer recess.

Airport cleaners held for theft

LOD AIRPORT. — Five airport cleaning men were arrested yesterday on suspicion of stealing money from air stewaresses.

The hostesses, who arrived on a chartered Starline Airways flight from Scandinavia, reported that money had disappeared from their handbags. Police launched a search and found IL400 in foreign currency in a dustbin into which the cleaners had emptied garbage from the plane.

Police suspect that the cleaners dumped the money there, planning to collect it later. Two of the workers are veteran airport employees, while the others were taken on in recent months.

Jewellery found in drug arrest

TEL AVIV. — Narcotics agents on Wednesday arrested a 27-year-old man here on suspicion of selling drugs. The arrest followed lengthy surveillance of his home in Rehov Ushabim.

The detectives raided the house and seized four soles of hashish and thousands of pounds worth of jewellery, believed stolen. A more thorough search turned up dozens of smaller chunks of hashish, which police said had been prepared for sale.

Caught taking iron moulds

TEL AVIV. — Border police patrolling Rehov Avigdor on Wednesday night spotted two youths emerging from an iron-smelting works carrying machinery parts and iron moulds.

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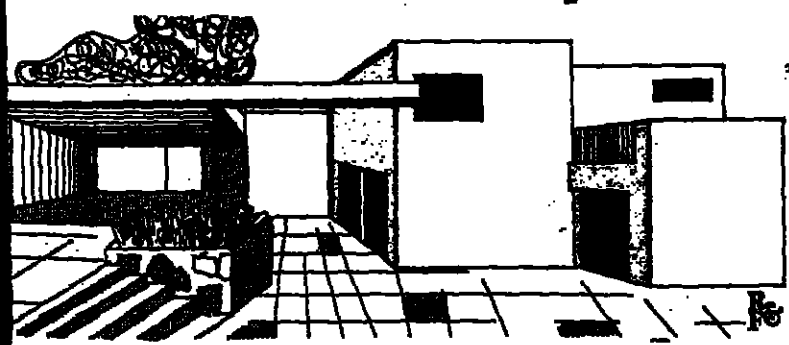
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DISAGREEMENT ON MILITARY DETAILS LAOS: PROSPECTS OF PARTITION

VIENTIANE (AP). — Disagreement over military details is holding up formation of a post-war government for Laos, and some threat remains that the country might wind up partitioned like Korea and Vietnam.

The Vientiane Government and the pro-Communist Pathet Lao are reported to have agreed on who shall get what ministries in the new provisional government, but after a spate of optimism last weekend, diplomatic sources now say differences remain on several key issues.

At least one more week of negotiations will be necessary before protocols to the February 21 Laos Peace Agreement are signed, these sources say.

Apportioning of territory is still a principal point of contention, although hostilities have dwindled to almost zero over the past five months.

Both sides publicly disclaim any desire for partition. But the Pathet Lao, who control 80 per cent of the countryside, are reported to want the protocols to stipulate a line that could in effect become a border between Government and Pathet Lao territory, pending elections that might be years away.

One Vientiane Government official said: "The Pathet Lao plan would acknowledge two Government enclaves in Pathet Lao territory and three Pathet Lao enclaves in Government territory."

The Pathet Lao have said that they fear land-grabbing operations by Government forces. Presumably they would be reassured by a defined territorial line.

Prince Souvanna Phouma, Prime Minister of the Vientiane Government and expected neutralist leader of the new government, is reported to fear that boundary lines might become permanent with age. He is pressing instead for a system of "hot spots" with temporary cease-fires and inspection sites separating Government and Pathet Lao military concentrations.

Another point of disagreement is "security" forces for Vientiane and the royal capital, Luang Prabang, which are to be neutralized under the February agreement.

Despite the disagreements, most diplomatic sources believe the new government will be formed soon, and several foreign missions, especially that of the United States, are trying to anticipate their relationship with the new government.



Pope Paul leans over from his portable throne to bless a baby during the weekly general audience at Castelgandolfo yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Nixon abandons 1973 anti-inflation target

WASHINGTON. — The Nixon Government has officially abandoned its 1973 target for reducing inflation and predicted the national jobless picture will show only slight improvement between now and the end of 1974.

Dr. Herbert Stein, chairman of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers, gave a grim view of the nationwide price picture before the joint Economic Committee of Congress, which held a hearing on Wednesday on the state of the economy at mid-year.

Dr. Stein was asked by Sen. William Proxmire, Democrat-Wisconsin, if the Administration was clinging to its forecast that inflation would be cut to 2.5 per cent by the end of the year. He replied, "No, I don't expect that any more." But while dropping the goal, Dr. Stein declined to set a new inflation target.

He conceded that the Administration's decision to abandon mandatory Phase 2 wage-price controls in January for a largely voluntary Phase 3 system was a mistake. He said the unemployment rate should fall from 4.8 per cent to 4.5 per cent by the end of the year, as the Administration predicted in January.

But through 1974, the jobless rate should "about level out," Dr. Stein said. This means he expects the nation will not reach full employment, defined as a jobless rate of four per cent, by next year.

Dr. Stein shrugged off suggestions of a recession in 1974. He said the economy should grow at its normal rate, probably between four and 4.5 per cent.

Dr. Stein was asked what food prices would do during the remainder of 1973. "They're going to go up pretty fast," he said. The rise probably won't be as big as the more than 20 per cent the first part of the year, he said.

Gary Seever, a member of the Council of Economic Advisers, said it probably will be some time in 1974 before the increased production at the farm this year will pay off in cutting down the rise in food prices.

Under questioning by Sen. Jacob Javits, Republican-New York, Dr. Stein said the Administration is not going to get rid of wage and price controls too soon and trigger another surge in prices such as occurred between January and June. But he said the controls will be temporary.

Speaking of Phase 3, Dr. Stein said it probably did not make much difference as far as inflation was concerned but "what we did was to give ourselves a bad name. We gave ourselves a bad name. In retrospect, I think we would have been better advised to make gradual changes and not call them Phase 3."

In Chicago, labour leader George Meany said that by the end of this year President Nixon's economic policies will push the U.S. into a recession. It may even get worse than just a recession, Mr. Meany said after a meeting of the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

The 78-year-old president of the AFL-CIO said the recession initially will hit hardest in the home construction industry, and quickly spread to other sectors of the economy. (AP, UPI)

'Student Games will be biggest and best' MOSCOW OUT TO IMPRESS

By PATRICK WORSNIP MOSCOW (Reuter). — Moscow's drive to stage the first-ever Olympic Games in a Communist country in 1980 will meet its greatest challenge when the World Student Games open here on August 15.

All the indications are that the Soviet capital, passed over in favour of Montreal for the 1976 Olympics, is out to make the 10-day "Universiade" the biggest and best since the event came into being nearly 50 years ago.

About 4,500 athletes from some 70 countries are expected to take part, compared with 2,800 at the last student games in the Italian city of Turin in 1970. At last year's Munich Olympics, students formed nearly two-thirds of the dominating Soviet squad, taking 67 of the 99 Soviet medals, including 38 golds. Consequently the Student Games are seen here as second only to the Olympics in quality and prestige.

Among the big names due to appear are Soviet double gold-winning sprinter Valeri Borzov, American 800 metres Olympic champion Dave Wottle, Britain's 10,000 metres world record holder Dave Bedford, and star Italian sprinter Pietro Mennea.

To hold the games, Moscow is providing its Luzhniko sports complex, situated in a bend of the Moskva River opposite the Lenin Hills on the south side of the city.

The centrepiece is the massive Lenin Stadium, which can seat 108,000 people, but the 10 separate sports will spill out into other venues dotted about the Soviet capital.

This year for the first time Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling have been added to the programme, which also comprises athletics, gymnastics, fencing, basketball, tennis, water-polo, swimming and diving.

The athletes, their trainers, masseurs, doctors and other delegation members will be accommodated in the Moscow State University, a cathedral-like monument of the Stalin era which tops the Lenin Hills.

With a 26-strong delegation expected from Israel, security is likely to be tight, and entry to the University — normally inaccessible to outsiders — will only be granted to those among the 700-odd expected journalists who have obtained special passes.

The regulations of the games state bluntly that "there will be no political meetings or demonstrations at the sporting grounds used for the 'Universiade' nor in the living places of the competitors."

Following occasions in the past when the Soviet Union has been reluctant to issue visas to representatives of countries with which it has no diplomatic relations, the government has this time guaranteed that "all competitors and officials from all countries entitled to participate will encounter no difficulties in attending the event or in leaving afterwards."

Apart from the Israeli delegation, a 40-member party from South Korea — another country which has no diplomatic ties with the USSR — will be attending. Moscow has stated that the same allowances would be made if an Olympics were staged here.

In a further effort at promoting international harmony, the organizers are setting up an international club for participants, featuring entertainment provided by Soviet variety and even circus stars.

Journalists are being wooed with free bus and underground train transport around the Soviet capital.

The Soviet Union, which topped the ratings at the Turin Games with 26 gold, 18 silver and 15 bronze medals, is considered the hot favourite to lead the field in front of a home crowd. With more than 800 universities, academies and institutes to choose from, the host country has creamed off 233 athletes in a six-month selection programme involving a phenomenal 1,700,000 candidates.

The statutes define a student as someone pursuing a full-time course of study at an institute recognized as a university by the country concerned. Competitors must have been born between January 1, 1945 and December 31, 1955.

NYERERE TELLS COMMONWEALTH 'Peace is not enough'

OTTAWA. — Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau yesterday formally opened the 15th summit conference of British Commonwealth leaders, declaring the world is approaching peace because the big powers recognize aggression can settle nothing.

Without challenging Trudeau's statement, President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, doyen among the 32 Commonwealth heads of government, offered this qualification: "I do not believe we can honestly say the world is closer to justice for the poor and oppressed. Peace, by itself, is not enough. To be acceptable it must be a peace which can be used for the furtherance of human equality and dignity."

The difference of emphasis between the Canadian and Tanzanian leaders pointed up the varying ways in which the old and the new, the white and the non-white members of the global partnership see conditions in today's world.

Prime Minister Trudeau welcomed the ministers by saying the conference will solve no problems, but might help prevent future crises.

In his speech to delegations representing a quarter of the world's population, Trudeau said he hoped the conference would "demonstrate to one another and to the world the advantages of our dissimilarity, the richness of our diversity, the excitement of our variety."

The British Commonwealth, "The Club," opened their meeting with Britain under pressure to prove that its membership in the European Common Market will not weaken its ties with its former empire. The issue is expected to be prominent during the conference.

New Zealand Prime Minister Norman Kirk said on Wednesday that the nuclear arms question will be discussed during the conference.

It would be a pity if a "synthetic curtain of paper resolutions" blocked the path to a total ban on nuclear armaments and testing. Nations which oppose nuclear arms should back their convictions with action until nuclear weapons no longer are a threat to the world, Kirk told a news conference. It wasn't good enough for countries merely to say they opposed nuclear arms, he said.

In Kampala yesterday, President Idi Amin said he wants to do everything possible to restore the traditional cordial relations between Britain and Uganda. Amin sent a delegation to the Ottawa conference. Amin had just received a message from Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in reply to one he sent her last Tuesday.

Officials said the Queen told Amin she was anxious to meet him to discuss matters of mutual interest, and that she stressed the need for the Ugandan President to meet British Prime Minister Heath to consider how to strengthen relations between the two countries. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

8 die in clan war U.S. black market in meat sales S.W. Africans boycott vote

ANKARA (Reuter). — Eight people have been killed in a gun-battle between feuding clans in a remote village near the eastern Turkish city of Mus, according to reports from the area yesterday. At least 15 others were injured, some critically, in the battle involving about 30 people.

NEW YORK (UPI). — A steadily decreasing meat supply in the U.S. is creating scattered black market conditions.

Beef shortages were reported yesterday in New York, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Portland, Oregon, Chicago, Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Connecticut and Newark, New Jersey.

There were reports of extra money being paid for beef at the retail level on Wednesday, and many wholesalers were almost out of supplies yesterday.

"I would estimate the black market is already accounting for 15 to 20 per cent of total national sales," a spokesman for a big meat firm said yesterday.

EUM. — Australia's international airline Qantas will carry Australian rum on its flights from now on, the government has announced. Up to now Qantas has sold only imported rum.

WINDHOEK, Southwest Africa (AP). — Ovambo tribesmen boycotted an election that would have furthered South African plans to create ethnic states in this one-time Imperial German colony mandated to South Africa by the old League of Nations.

By the time polling booths closed on Wednesday, only 450 out of 40,000 eligible voters had cast ballots to elect a legislature for the planned ethnic state, Ovamboland.

Since the only parties allowed to campaign in the election were those that supported the ethnic state idea, the boycott appears to be a snub for the South African Government and Prime Minister John Vorster. (AP, UPI)

\$ ERRATIC Israelis await Soviet visas

By JACK LEON Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Academic Sports Association (ASA) is still awaiting Soviet visas for the 26 competitors it has entered for the ninth World Student Games — the Universiade — starting in Moscow on August 15.

The Games are being organized under the auspices of the 70-nation International University Sports Federation (FISU), of which Israel was a founder-member in 1957.

The visas for the 10-day event were expected from a Soviet Embassy in Europe, an ASA official told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Although time was running short, he was still optimistic that the visas would reach here "within a week."

ASA received an official invitation to the "Universiade" some six months ago from its Russian opposite number, who have proved cooperative in subsequent correspondence. The final individual entry forms for the Israeli team — which is competing in basketball, fencing, track and field and volleyball — were sent to Moscow by express air mail on July 13 (more than two weeks before the deadline for such entries).

A total of nearly 50 countries have entered for the Games. Among them are Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia. Israel has taken part in all previous student games, including those held in Sofia and Budapest.

Tanaka ends official Washington visit Police kill two in India food riot

WASHINGTON (AP). — Japanese Prime Minister, Kakuei Tanaka, completed his official visit to Washington yesterday and flew to New York for talks with American and Japanese business leaders.

He was given a ceremonial red carpet military departure, with a 19-gun salute.

Secretary of State William Rogers said farewell for President Nixon.

TRIVANDRUM, India (Reuter). — Police shot dead two persons and wounded two others yesterday when they opened fire on a crowd of 5,000 demonstrators in a town in the south Indian State of Kerala. Officials said 12 policemen were injured.

A one-day general strike was observed in the state yesterday and business shut down in protest against rising prices and short food rations.

Tough steps quell Uruguay strike

MONTEVIDEO (Reuter). — Under threats of dismissal, heavy fines and imprisonment, Uruguayan workers yesterday called off a planned 24-hour general strike.

Transport and other services were operating normally in the capital and there were few reports of absenteeism from factories.

The strike had been called by outlandish labour leaders to protest against the military-backed coup d'etat by President Juan Maria Bordaberry last June.

The President followed up the coup by scrapping all representative government and abolishing the powerful National Workers' Convention, which groups half a million trade unionists — one-fifth of the Uruguayan population.

Workers paralysed the country with a two-week general strike after the coup, but on Wednesday President Bordaberry decreed stiff new laws controlling strikes and trade union activity. The decrees threatened workers with dismissal, fines and imprisonment if they staged a strike without first putting the issue to a secret ballot.

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Dean: 'CIA asked to pay burglars' bail'

WASHINGTON. — Richard Helms, former director of the CIA, testified yesterday that 10 days after the Watergate break-in, John Dean asked the CIA to pay bail for the suspects and to put them on the Agency payroll while they served their jail terms.

The Senate Watergate Committee yesterday tried to establish whether the White House sought to enlist the CIA in the cover-up of the Watergate bugging scandal.

Helms, now U.S. Ambassador to Iran, told the committee that "it seemed to me the Agency was being used" by White House consultant E. Howard Hunt in 1971. Hunt was convicted in the first Watergate trial. He was a longtime CIA employee.

Several of the men caught inside Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate office building had formerly worked for the CIA, but Helms has told Congressional investigators the Government spying and intelligence agency was in no way involved in the plot to spy on the Democrats.

Helms testified that after a series of requests from Hunt which

"seemed totally unacceptable," he directed the CIA deputy director to call White House assistant John Ehrlichman and "tell him we wouldn't be doing these things any more."

Helms said Hunt's first approach was made in mid-1971, when he asked for a tape recorder and camera. Helms said his deputy, General Robert Cushman, told him Hunt said "he wanted to conduct a one-time interview and had been authenticated by the White House."

Democratic Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has said he believes Helms was removed as CIA Director because he refused to cooperate with the Nixon Administration.

In his testimony, Helms acknowledged that the CIA prepared two psychiatric profiles of Pentagon Papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg at the request of David M. Young, a White House aide to Henry Kissinger.

Helms said Young provided such poor material for the profiles that the CIA decided not to associate with the CIA. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

'Little Jap' epithet brings Watergate row

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Sam Ervin opened yesterday's Senate Watergate committee hearing with a tribute to a fellow Senator, Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, as "one of the most dedicated Americans this country has ever known."

The committee chairman's remarks were in reaction to the controversy that rose on Wednesday when the lawyer for former White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman angrily referred to Inouye as "that little Jap."

Inouye, a Democrat, and a committee member, is of Japanese ancestry.

The lawyer, John J. Wilson, was angered by what he contended was Inouye's uncalled for reference to Haldeman's role in President Nixon's 1962 campaign for Governor of California.

Several days earlier, Wilson recalled, Inouye was overheard on television microphones saying "What a liar" following testimony by another Wilson client, former White House domestic adviser John Ehrlichman.

Ervin, saying he felt "the events of yesterday make it appropriate for me to make these remarks," observed that Inouye had lost his right arm and won the Distinguished Service Cross while serving with the U.S. Army in World War II. (AP, Reuter)



Senator Inouye

"I don't know a finer American. He has proved himself in latter days as one of the most dedicated Americans this country has ever known... One of the most gallant Americans in the history of this republic," Senator Ervin said.

Mr. Wilson initially denied having called Senator Inouye "a little Jap," but then admitted it and said he saw nothing wrong with the description. (AP, Reuter)

More threaten strikes in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP). — The strike against the leftist government yesterday spread into a general strike against the least government of President Salvador Allende.

Workers at the Santiago water works have joined the walk-out, and public transport leaders said their men would strike also unless the government fired Transport Under-Secretary Jaime Faivovich, who has been directing the government's strike-breaking efforts.

Faivovich, a socialist, was behind the confiscation on Tuesday of the trucks of 100 strikers. Several persons were shot in clashes that resulted. The truck drivers were protesting against the government's refusal to allow them to increase their rates.

The government reported more than 100 acts of terrorism and sabotage on Tuesday and Wednesday, including the seizure by angry motorists of a petrol station selling rationed fuel only to diplomats.



Mr. Mordechai Avgar, right, has been appointed Israel Ambassador to Ghana. He has been serving in a senior administrative post at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem. Three years ago he was Ambassador to Nepal, when this rare picture was taken of an Israeli diplomat in cordial discussion with the (now deposed) King of Afghanistan, Mohammed Zahir Shah. Israel has no relations with Afghanistan.

Man asked his religion, shot

BELFAST (UPI). — A gunman shot and seriously wounded a middle-aged Protestant man on a Belfast street early yesterday, police said. Four men in a car pulled up beside the 52-year-old Protestant man on a street near the city cemetery. One man got out and asked him his religion, then shot him in the mouth, police said. He was reported seriously wounded, but not critically.

Security forces uncovered more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition, flares and explosives yesterday during a search operation that closed many roads in the Catholic Lower Falls Road area.

Kuwaiti jailed for forbidden fluid

KUWAIT (Reuter). — Kuwait security men have found 900 bottles of smuggled whisky at a farm near the Saudi Arabian border, police sources here reported yesterday.

The farm-owner was held for questioning and the liquor seized. The current black market price for a bottle of scotch in Kuwait, a "dry" state — is around six dinars (more than \$180).

Moscow-Baghdad tourist pact

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union and Iraq yesterday signed a long-term mutual tourism agreement, the Tass news agency reports.

Iraqi ambassador Saleh Mehdi Amash declared here that increased tourism would help his countrymen learn about a land "which is giving great support to the Arab peoples in their struggle for freedom and independence."

The Soviets have a similar agreement with Lebanon.

'PORTUGUESE BURNED PEOPLE ALIVE' Missionary alleges massacre

BRUSSELS (UPI). — A Belgian missionary said yesterday he received testimony from a Portuguese officer that the entire population of a Mozambique village was burned alive by Portuguese Government troops.

Father Vic Nijls of Beringen reported that the operation was ordered as a reprisal for an attack by Frelimo, Mozambique liberation fighters.

"The captain of the unit ordered his men to herd all women and children in the first village they encountered after the attack into their huts. The huts were set on fire. All inside were burned alive," Nijls quoted the officer.

He said the captain of the unit strangled a baby which had escaped the fire.

Nijls was stationed in Mozambique for 13 years, including several in the district of Teta, where other missionaries reported several mass murders.

"Thousands of innocent Negroes were murdered by Portuguese Gov-

ernment troops in Mozambique and Angola," Nijls said. "They were slaughtered in bestial fashion and nobody can prove the slaughter is not continuing."

He said the black population will never dare to speak to investigators, because they fear the refined torture techniques by Portuguese secret police. International investigation committees have little chance of finding actual proof of slaughters, because the guides they will get will be intimidated by authorities beforehand. Vegetation also quickly covers the sites where villages were eradicated, he said.

The Belgian Senate Commission of Foreign Affairs on Wednesday called for an international investigation of alleged Portuguese atrocities by the U.N. or Nato.

Max Van Der Stoep, Dutch Foreign Minister, said on Wednesday Holland will call for a complete embargo of arms supplies to Portugal in the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Closer U.S.-Arab links urged

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — Standard Oil of California has told its stockholders the U.S. should "work more closely with the Arab governments to build up and enhance our relations with the Arab people."

A letter signed by company chairman Otto Miller said: "There is now a growing feeling in much of the Arab world that the U.S. has turned its back on the Arab people."

"We as Americans have a long history of friendship and cooperation with the Arabs. It goes back more than 100 years, long before the first oil operations, and in-

volves cultural relationships which encompass education and religion, as well as commercial trading."

"There must be understanding on our part of the aspirations of the Arab people and more positive support of their efforts towards peace in the Middle East."

Only seven per cent of U.S. oil consumption currently comes from Middle East imports, but 61 per cent of Standard's production is in Middle East countries, most of it destined for Europe.

A company spokesman said the letter was part of Standard Oil's policy of keeping stockholders informed.

NEW DISCLOSURE ON ITT CASE

WASHINGTON. — The Nixon Administration was under legal fire yesterday following the disclosure of a White House memorandum indicating that President Nixon may have been involved in the settlement of the controversial International Telephone and Telegraph (ITT) corporation anti-trust case two years ago.

The Senate Watergate Committee and special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox are planning further investigations into the reported financial arrangement between ITT and the Republicans.

The memo, by Charles Colson, a former White House aide, dated March 30, 1972, was disclosed during the Senate Watergate hearings late on Wednesday.

The Nixon Administration and ITT have steadfastly maintained there was no relationship between the corporation's offer of financial support for the Republican National Convention and an out-of-court settlement of an anti-trust case involving ITT on July 31, 1971.

Former Attorney General John Mitchell told the Senate Judiciary committee under oath on March 14, 1972: "I do not as of this date know what arrangements, if any, exist between ITT and its subsidiaries with the Republican National Committee for helping finance the convention (to have been held in

San Diego, California, but later switched to Miami Beach). The Colson memo was submitted by Charles Colson to H.R. Haldeman, then White House Chief of Staff, and warned of documents that could hurt the Administration if made public.

It was written on March 30, 1972, during confirmation hearings for Mitchell's successor as Attorney General, Richard Kleindienst.

Colson mentioned a May 5, 1971, memorandum to Mitchell from John Ehrlichman, then Nixon's top domestic adviser, about the Mitchell-Nixon meeting. "This memo would contradict Mitchell's testimony and more importantly directly involve the President," Colson wrote.

In a statement issued on Wednesday evening, Colson said his memorandum "was an effort to acquaint Mr. Haldeman with all of the problems — put in their worst context — that might arise out of the continued hearings."

Mitchell was not available for comment and the White House refused to comment on the Colson memorandum.

A spokesman for ITT repeated that the company's previous denial that there was any connection between its pledge of funds for the convention and the anti-trust case. (Reuter, AP)

Bonn spied on own citizens for U.S. intelligence

BONN (Reuter). — The West German government said yesterday it had bugged civilian telephone conversations in West Germany on behalf of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Informed Bonn government sources said the tapping had involved only one phone — that of an underground journalist identified in U.S. intelligence reports as "an anti-U.S. Army activist" interested in encouraging desertions.

The admission coincided with moves in the U.S. Senate for heavy penalties against military snooping at home and abroad into the political beliefs and associations of civilians.

The official German statement was released after a committee had met to evaluate inquiries made this week into German newspaper reports that U.S. intelligence agents had spied on West German civilians without the knowledge of the Bonn authorities.

Under West German law and agreements covering foreign forces stationed in West Germany, the three Allied powers — Britain, France and the U.S. — are obliged

to ask the Interior Ministry if they want to spy into activities involving civilians. Any phone-tapping or opening of letters is conducted by the West Germans, who may then pass on information to the Allied intelligence services.

The statement said: "The committee has established that no single case involved infringement of basic rights."

In a separate statement, the Bonn postal ministry also denied the press reports of illegal wiretapping. Government sources said that the West Germans themselves had done the listening-in, and that the numbers listed including those of the left-liberal "Frankfurter Rundschau" and a Protestant Pastor — had appeared because they had been called from the one phone actually tapped.

Meanwhile, U.S. Senator Sam Ervin announced Thursday he would introduce a bill to provide up to two years' imprisonment and fines of \$10,000 for military surveillance of civilians' political beliefs. North Carolina Democrat, is chairman of the Senate Constitutional Rights sub-committee, which issued a report Tuesday condemning what it termed the army's massive and unrestrained surveillance of civilians in the late 1960s.

At the height of the activity, the 150-page report said, the army engaged over 1,500 plainclothes agents to collect information. Much of what was collected, the sub-committee said, was "irrelevant, incorrect, ambiguous, and ultimately useless information which bore no conceivable connection with the army's civil disturbance mission." (Reuter, AP)

'World guerrillas met in Bogota'

MONTEVIDEO (Reuter). — A world congress of guerrillas met in Bogota, Colombia, early this year to prepare a campaign of violence aimed at convulsing the whole of Latin America, according to the Uruguayan armed forces.

In a statement broadcast on nationwide radio last night, the forces said the plot involved all the world's guerrilla groups. They had deposited an international fund in a European country to finance their activities, the statement said, with the aim of creating chaos and destroying the "reformist system" which countries like Uruguay, Argentina and Venezuela had adopted.

They had also decided to give special aid to the leftwing Tupamaros urban guerrillas in Uruguay, it added.

Czechs jailed for hijack bid

VIENNA (AP). — Four Czechoslovaks will spend three to eleven years in prison for planning to hijack a Czech plane to the West so that two children could join their parents abroad, the Prague news agency C.T.K. reported on Wednesday.

The sentences were handed down that day at the end of a three-day trial at Usti nad Labem (Aussig) in northern Bohemia. The official report gave no further details on the alleged hijack plan, but C.T.K. said the four defendants had wanted to leave Czechoslovakia "without permission... together with other people" who were not otherwise described.

Bonn and Sofia establish ties

BONN (AP). — West Germany and Bulgaria agreed Wednesday to establish diplomatic relations, after three days of talks on converting their missions into embassies. This leaves Hungary as the only East European state with which Bonn does not yet have diplomatic relations, and negotiations with Budapest are due to start soon.

Cabinet in Kabul

KABUL (AP). — Afghanistan's new military-backed ruler, Sardar Mohammad Daud, has appointed a 12-member cabinet, reserving the Presidency and key cabinet portfolios for himself.

Daud's Government, which met yesterday for the first time, includes one member of the regime's coup d'etat deposed on July 17. In addition to the premiership, Daud retained control of the defence and foreign ministries.

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Britain and the Mart: disillusion grows

PESSIMISM and anxiety about the future of Britain in the European Economic Community reached new heights this week. After seven months of membership there are even more misgivings about the benefits of the enlarged Community than there were when Britain first joined.

The latest source of worry is a story in the "Sunday Times" which alleges that a group of senior British civil servants have produced a report that claims that membership of the EEC is disastrous for Britain. Despite the feverish ministerial denials which instantly greeted the article, it is widely accepted that such a report does exist and that its tone of disillusion correctly reflects the situation.

The report says that Treasury and Department of Trade and Industry officials are most pessimistic about Britain's economic prospects within the EEC. They foresee a situation in which the U.K. economy goes on subsidizing the better-off Common Market partners who will disgorge little or nothing in return.

Main problems

The main problems as seen by the authors of the report are the Common Agricultural Policy (C.A.P.) and the Common Regional Development Fund.

They are worried by the intractability of the other eight members over the C.A.P. which two weeks ago automatically increased its demand this year from 1,410 million sterling to 1,440 million sterling. Britain will have to pay 38 million sterling as her share of the increase. The largest element was increased support for the "butter mountain" which builds up because the Market offers such an attractive price to butter producers.

The British were prepared to pay this subsidy to the uneconomic farmers of the EEC, mainly the French, because it assumed that it would be getting a return in the form of EEC payments into the Regional Development Fund. It would be worth 200 million sterling in its first year, 1974, and 400 million sterling in its third. This, it was believed, would give a real boost to Britain's less prosperous regions in the north of England, Scotland and Wales.

It now appears most unlikely that

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the British will be able to persuade their new partners to accept the generous proposals of the Fund. This failure will mean that the British will not be getting the *quid pro quo* they expected for their generosity over the C.A.P.

Autumn crisis

Officials here and in Brussels are already referring to the discussions which will be held on the Regional Fund in a few months' time as the "autumn crisis." They believe that the EEC has little to offer Britain unless it is willing to change the C.A.P. and accept strong regional social funds. If the changes do not come, Britain will be in a permanent deficit balance.

The optimism of the Heath government on taking the U.K. into Europe was based on their high hopes for Britain's industrial exports in the Market, and the vain hope that she would be able to take over the leadership of the Community from France.

The theory was that, like Germany, Britain would benefit from the larger market for its industrial goods to such an extent as to make the cost of the C.A.P. worth while. However, despite the disaffection in Brussels and in the Home Civil Service, with only the Foreign Office still loyal to the decision to go into Europe, the government will try to brazen it out. The ministers most closely concerned are convinced that changes will come, though it is as yet unclear on what they base their optimism.

The likelihood of a serious crisis in the autumn is accepted even by the optimists, but they are confident that it will be overcome. They argue that it is too early yet to feel the practical benefits of membership. They point to industrial investment, such as by British Leyland, as indicating that the major industries have confidence in the future prospects.

The British people have never been asked if they wanted to join Europe, and it is believed that if a plebiscite had been held prior to entry, perhaps as many as 40 per cent might have voted against. A recent opinion poll showed that the opponents of entry now in fact form a majority.

The British Labour Party opposed entry on the terms negotiated, and has stuck to its position that, if re-elected, it will negotiate new terms.

Unless some practical benefits emerge soon, the Conservative Party might run into serious difficulties over the Common Market at the next elections.

With the economy in a mess, prices rising non-stop and the pound sinking on the currency markets, the party will be badly in need of some flag of success to wave. The hopes that the EEC might provide it, now seems to be in doubt too. If the basic concepts which took Britain into Europe prove to have been wrong, then the party which engineered entry will have difficulty in explaining it away at the polls.

Bobby will play — for \$1m.

PASADENA (UPI). — World chess champion Bobby Fischer, contrary to rumours, is still actively studying and playing his game — with definite plans to defend his title by 1975. In fact, associates say, if the terms are right, the 30-year-old Fischer is ready now to defend the title he won last year from Russia's Boris Spassky.

The terms are simple: one million dollars.

Other than one news conference he held last December and a few guest appearances on television, Fischer has led a very private life since he won the title. Interviews with his associates and his attorney discounted rumours that the Spassky match in Iceland had so affected him that he was ready to retire from international chess competition.

"He works on chess all the time and does a lot of studying," said one chess associate. "That is his business and there's no truth to any rumours that he might retire."

"The rumours about his retiring are completely groundless and are being circulated by people who have not seen him or spoken to him and are in no position to judge him," Fischer's attorney Stanley R. Rader said. He added that negotiations are under way for Fischer to defend his title against Spassky. "We're very close" to an agreement, he said.

First of all, Rader said, Fischer wants one million dollars plus an "equitable division" of such ancillary rights as television.

HAMPSHIRE TAKES CRICKET LEAD

HAMPSHIRE opened an eleven point lead at the head of the English county championship table when they took 22 points from their game against Worcester on Tuesday. Hampshire won the game by 181 runs, with the honours going to Richards and Greenidge — who put on 219 runs in 110 minutes during the morning — and to Taylor, who took four Worcestershire wickets for eight runs in 17 deliveries. Northants, who have played one game less than Hampshire, are in second place with Kent another 21 points behind.

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TENNIS
CHRIS Evert says that Bobby Riggs' wooing of women tennis players is good for the game — even though he stood her up and put Margaret Court down.

Miss Evert, the 18-year-old darling of women's tennis, had a date to play Riggs in a \$50,000 match but he backed out because he could make more money meeting Billie Jean King in a match that guarantees the winner \$200,000.

"I think Billy Jean will beat him," she told a Philadelphia news conference on Wednesday. "I met him this summer for the first time and I know it will crush him if he loses. He is a cocky and cocky thinks women tennis players are like dirt."

Miss Evert says that if Riggs beats Mrs. King, it probably would be six months or so before she could get a crack at him.

Israel suggests date for Davis Cup match

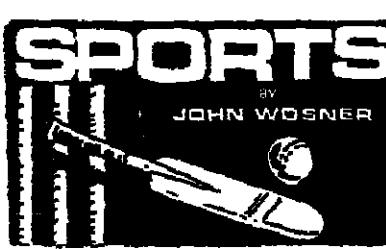
By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Israel Lawn Tennis Association has written to its Iranian opposite number in Teheran, suggesting that the preliminary round tie between the two countries be played off at Ramat Gan on October 4, 5 and 6.

Israel was given choice of venue in last month's draw in London for the 38-nation European Zone, in what is one of three preliminary matches for the 1974 Davis Cup competition.

According to the draw, these three ties must be completed by October 14. However, with the annual Suez International Tennis Championships scheduled to start on October 11, the I.L.T.A. has proposed the October 4-6 date for the match, and then invited the Iranian players to remain here to participate in the Suez tournament. Among over-seas players expected for the meet are Austrian champion Hans Kary, and ranking Australians Syd Ball and John Barlett.

This will be the third Davis Cup meeting in five years between Israel and Iran. In both previous ties the Iranians achieved unexpectedly easy



"He'll want that time to ride high on his glory," she said. "But if Billy Jean beats him, that will be the end of Bobby Riggs."

BASEBALL

U.S. STANDINGS
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AMERICAN LEAGUE
EAST
W L Pct. G.R.
Baltimore 56 45 .554 —
New York 69 48 .539 —
Detroit 57 48 .533 —
Boston 55 49 .524 7 1/2
Pittsburgh 50 54 .481 14
Cleveland 38 69 .350 21
WEST
W L Pct. G.R.
Oakland 60 37 .617 —
Kansas City 61 45 .579 —
Minnesota 53 51 .510 7 1/2
Chicago 52 54 .491 14
California 50 54 .481 14
Texas 48 64 .385 19 1/2

RESULTS:
Baltimore 4, Cleveland 2; Boston 5, New York 3; Detroit 2, Milwaukee 1; Kansas City 4, Chicago 2; Oakland 6, Minnesota 3; California 5, Texas 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
EAST
W L Pct. G.R.
St. Louis 58 48 .547 —
Chicago 55 52 .514 7 1/2
Cincinnati 54 53 .509 14
Montreal 50 55 .476 19 1/2
Philadelphia 48 57 .457 26
New York 46 61 .431 33
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Los Angeles 66 41 .617 —
Cincinnati 63 45 .588 5 1/2
San Francisco 60 47 .561 11
Houston 56 53 .514 18
Atlanta 49 63 .438 26
San Diego 36 70 .340 29 1/2

RESULTS:
New York 3, Pittsburgh 6; St. Louis 2, New York 5; Detroit 2, St. Louis 1; St. Louis 3, Montreal 1; Philadelphia 3, Chicago 1; Atlanta 14, Cincinnati 6; Boston 5, Los Angeles 1; San Diego 6, San Francisco 4.

4-1 victories, in Teheran in 1968 and Ramat Gan last year.

Should Israel turn the tables this time, its first-round proper match will be against Norway in Oslo, which has to be completed by December 30, 1973. (Israel defeated Norway 4-1 in Ramat Gan in 1971.) Success against Norway would give Israel a tough second-round encounter against either Italy or Spain next spring.

This 1974 Davis Cup programme sees the introduction of a new type of draw in the 73-year-old competition, with the stronger nations only entering the various zones in the latter stages, thus leaving the earlier rounds to be contested exclusively between the weaker countries. The system has been introduced to help the weaker entries, which previously became discouraged after suffering heavy defeats by powerful opponents in completely one-sided first or second-round ties.

To date, Israel has played a total of 24 Davis Cup ties, winning only four. In this spring's 1973 competition, it lost 1-4 to Holland at Ramat Gan, while Iran suffered a shock 0-5 defeat by the unfancied Bulgarians in Sofia.

AT THE ISRAEL FESTIVAL Inspired musicianship overcomes obstacles

The Israel Festival. The Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lukas Foss, with the participation of soloists, the Emek Hefer Choir (director Maya Shavit) and the Men's Choir Z.O.A. (director Joseph Friedland) (Caesarea, July 29), Mozart: Excerpts from "Idomeneo"; Stravinsky: "Oedipus Rex." Hebrew version of the narration by Ada Brodsky.

THIS concert proved beyond doubt that an inspired musician can achieve beautiful things even with modest material. Both choirs were mediocre, the Z.O.A. male choir being particularly ill-equipped to tackle Stravinsky's demanding score. The orchestra — with all due respect to its enlarged and much enriched sound — still suffers from many ills, the open-air amphitheatre its acoustical shell partly dismantled to allow the sea breeze to enter, presented difficulties. In trying to overcome all these hazards, Lukas Foss was helped by his fantastic musicianship, his unfaltering belief in music's mission and his decision to put the music first and disregard technical shortcomings as far as possible. Thus, in spite of all the obstacles, "Idomeneo" and "Oedipus Rex" turned out to be a musical experience.

What made matters easier for Foss was the reliable group of soloists at his disposal. With the exception of Helen Watts, contralto, it was a local cast and one rejoiced at its success. If Menashe Hadjes is going to stay here, we shall at last have a first class tenor. Tibor Herdan, baritone, was highly impressive in all his parts. The two sopranos, Yehudit Lazarovich and Stella Richmond, charmed immensely. The minor parts were all satisfactorily sung by Bibiana Goldenthal, soprano, Isser Bushkin, bass, and Victor Schwartz, tenor. Gideon Shemer narrated impressively the gruesome story of the unhappy king of Thebes.

DAVID Bar-Ilan has not played here for a long time and his appearance was naturally awaited with considerable interest. It is therefore regrettable to have to say that his recital was mostly disappointing. There was no logic or convincing reasoning in his interpretations and one can only say that he has devised a system out of his non-system. The Mendelssohn started promisingly but in the Weber Sonata and even more in the Variations, his style changed into a distorted mannerism. His tempi were unsteady and extravagant, concentration had no reason, there was no convincing form and no musical thread to follow.

Bar-Ilan has technical proficiency and brachial strength. He can endow a passage with expression convincingly. These are precious assets indeed which could have made him a first class pianist. But when plagued by serious lack of stability, all these assets go to waste.

The Sonata in A. farred best, its natural impetus and musical richness moving the presentation along. The violinist's tone, bowing, intonation and phrasing are all of encouraging quality; the pianist masters all technical and sound problems — but music should be approached not as a heavy task but as enjoyment, in order to communicate to others the beauty of ordered sound.

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Music
Reviews

PROMISING DEBUT

The Israel Festival. Recital by Vladimir Lashin, piano, and Alina Lashina, violin (Tel Aviv, July 29). Handel: Sonata in D; Brahms: Sonata in D, opus 100; Beethoven: Sonata in F, op. 57; Sonata in A, op. 47 ("Kreutzer").

Recent newcomers from Russia, the husband-and-wife team showed promising assets, as well as certain limitations of attitude and approach which they need to overcome. Extreme tension leads to stiff presentations, a dominating pianist distorts the balance between the two instruments, and over-dramatisation of all the music makes for monotony in expression as well as a deplorable interpretative style.

The Handel sonata was acceptable in style and performance but the Brahms sonata suffered from too many rigid and dramatic emphasis throughout. Both musicians are capable of dealing with any technical problem without strain and are in possession of impressive digital ability; it is their musical approach which is open to criticism. This was especially clear in the Romance by Beethoven: a rather naive, early composition of his, it was tackled by them, particularly the pianist, as if it harboured musical depth comparable to that of the Ninth Symphony.

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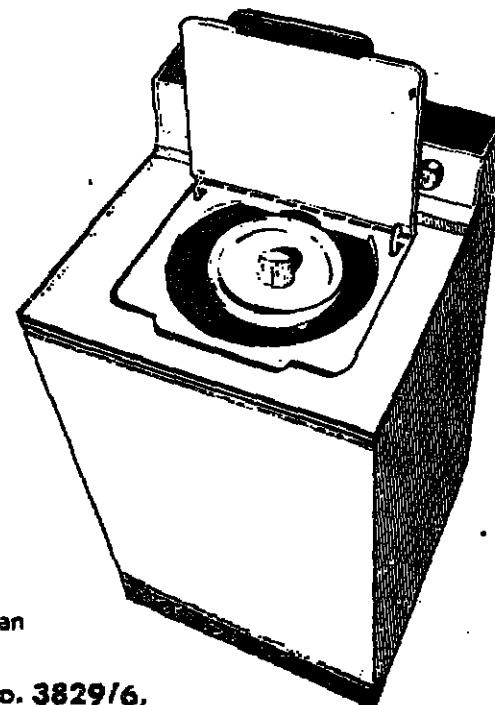
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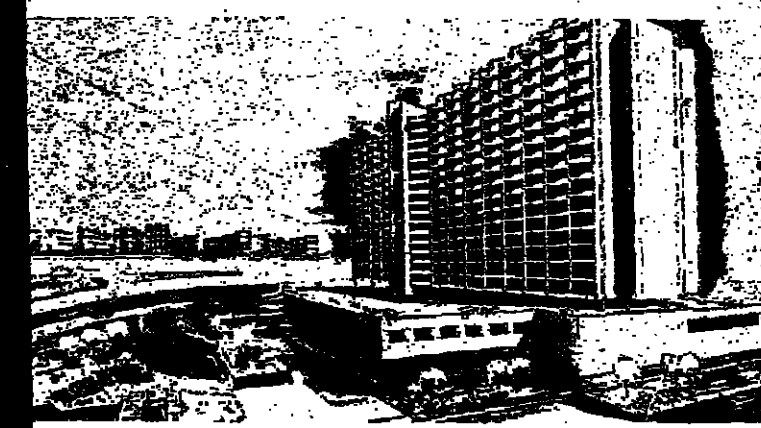


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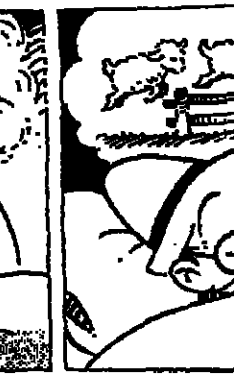
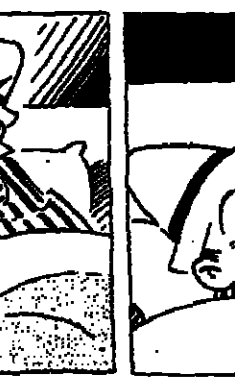
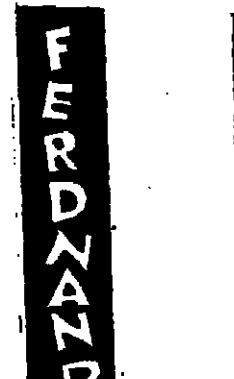
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BISHOP'S MOVE

IN the past there has been a good deal of public sympathy with the Greek Orthodox villagers of Ikrit and Biram, who were moved — temporarily as they were told and as they believed — from their border villages in 1948, but in fact were never able to return.

It is true that they have been resettled in Gush Halav and elsewhere in the area; that they have been offered compensation which many families have meanwhile accepted; and that a proportion have moved to Haifa and elsewhere and long since ceased to wish to return to village poverty and simplicity, especially a village that has since 1948 been a heap of rubble.

Nevertheless, there is sympathy and understanding for those of the villagers who have been asking at intervals almost throughout the past 25 years to be allowed to go to rebuild their former homes. Time and again, the issue has come up before a series of security and other committees for consideration, and each time it has been turned down.

The more immediate reason is that a village in a sensitive border area, occupied by a population that has close family ties with villages just across the border into the Lebanon, becomes a natural crossing point, just as in the past it was a centre for a lively business in smuggling. The risk is not small, and as the former villagers are not suffering hardship, the Army and border police are reluctant to assent to the creation of an avoidable new hazard. Since the Fatah moved into southern Lebanon from Syria the border has been protected by a double fence and is relatively simple to patrol if there is no legitimate civilian population in the area.

were never involved in the terrorism or bloodshed in the area in past years, and there was sympathy for them. Now that their attachment to their village has been debased into the small coin of party politics by Archbishop Raya, who has used it to set up a kind of partnership with Israeli left-wing groups, the sympathy has evaporated. They are being organized and exploited, and there is no knowing how much of their protest is still genuine.

The Archbishop, who likes to claim the rights of a good and loyal Israeli, writes damaging letters to churches abroad, and to the Pope. He organizes families, preferably with small children, to spend the night in the ruined church at Ikrit, in an area closed at night, "to pray" in order to be able to send protests all round the world that the church was desecrated by police who entered to make arrests. He stages hunger strikes, not of long duration; he organized "marches" a year ago in which he could quickly find the support of well-intentioned people, particularly the young, on the grounds that this was an "Arab-Jewish friendship walk."

If a decision were now taken — as it might have been earlier — that Ikrit should be rebuilt, the busy Archbishop would not doubt find himself a new cause, perhaps a village on another border, on which to centre his political campaign as a stepping-stone to who knows what ultimate aim. Ikrit is now a lost cause, because its political aspects make it dangerous. He can scarcely hope to emulate Archbishop Makarios in Israel; but meanwhile he has turned the human plea of the Galilee villagers into a political issue that he has already much abused, and robbed totally of its innocence and human appeal.

With the Watergate hearings, getting tougher and tougher, three more years of an Administration at war with Congress could play into the hands of men who may appear and say, "Give me power and I will make things work again," writes our correspondent, DANIEL GOTTLIEB, from Washington.

WHATEVER the outcome of the now joined issue of whether the courts can compel a President to produce evidence or testimony on the Watergate affair, the longer-range question of the nation's capacity to overcome the absence of the presidential leadership is likely to remain.

Before describing the nature of the crisis which Senator Sam Ervin rightly calls more tragic than the Civil War, it is necessary to understand that Watergate is far from the doom that the Supreme Court can extricate the nation from the deadlock of the confrontation between the executive and legislative branches is too simplistic. There are precedents going back to the nation's earliest history for the Supreme Court avoiding a clearcut

ruling. Rather than decide whether Congress or the special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, can compel a President to produce evidence, the Supreme Court may duck the issue, a number of constitutional law experts feel.

There are more precedents for the Court refusing to mediate disputes between the other two branches of government than for it to step in. If the Court does rule that the President should produce personal papers and tape recordings of his private meetings and telephone conversations, the question is how much these will reveal.

Some documents might be useful, for instance, in pinning down Watergate-related topics allegedly discussed or not discussed at meetings with the President. As for the tapes, however, it is to be assumed that the President, knowing his words were being recorded for posterity and that more than one side was hearing them, would freely discuss such a matter as buying the silence of the original seven-man Watergate bugging team.

The President may have been candid in telling Senator Sam Ervin last week that "the tapes would not finally settle the central issues before your committee."

Some sneered at the President's assertion that "recording of informal conversations... contain comments that persons with different perspectives and motivations would inevitably interpret in different ways."

But the release of the President's tapes and papers does not necessarily mean that they will prove his guilt or innocence without follow-up questioning of the President himself. The surest way to force the President to testify is by impeachment. But Congress is reluctant to undertake this proceeding.



The Senate hearings — conclusive evidence for impeachment?

is waiting for the Senate Investigative Committee to produce conclusive evidence on which to base a motion for impeachment, it may, as has been suggested, wait some time.

There is, aside from the lack of concrete evidence of the President's knowledge of the Watergate break-in or the cover-up, a short-sighted, political calculation being expressed privately by some in Congress who call themselves responsible.

To dump Nixon now, they say, means to give Vice-President Spiro Agnew three years to entrench himself in the White House and thereby guarantee his own election in 1976.

A likely alternative scenario is the three more years of a debilitated Nixon Administration at continual war with Congress and lacking any popular support.

Such a situation might lead to strengthened Democratic majorities in the by-elections of 1974 and victory in the 1976 Presidential contest.

But it is not, however, necessarily calculated to strengthen those candidates who oppose the agency, the paranoia and invasion of privacy represented by the Watergate syndrome.

It may play into the hands of men even more prone to use arbitrary power. As one of America's more prudent political commentators wrote about the future of America two years before Watergate came to light:

"When frustration reaches the breaking point, when inflation and economic uncertainty, work stoppages, civil disturbances, crime, drugs and the breakdown of public services can no longer be tolerated... a plausible demagogue may appear and say 'Give me power and I will make things work again.'"

The situation in America today contains striking similarities to that in pre-Nazi Germany, mainly in the unwillingness of factions to act together to address common needs. The tragedy of the situation is President Nixon's refusal to let more than one finger, so far, to remove the doubt, to condemn more energetically the wrong-doing, to move the ship of state, even to explain to the American people the need for patience.

In the recent past, when presidents have been on the defensive about scandal in their administration they have at least taken the trouble to convey more than annoyance and not to pretend that business could go on as usual.

Meanwhile, the problems of inflation, food shortages, division between black cities and white suburbs, and the slow-down in productivity could produce a radical weakening of America's position in the world.

The nation has picked itself up before, but such crises have rarely been so long and without any responsible leader telling Americans the nature of their troubles and the cost of setting a new course.

BRITISH BY-ELECTIONS

Liberal upsurge will force Labour to choose its role

By IVAN YATES

LONDON (Cdn). — CONSERVATIVE and Labour Members of Parliament are beginning their summer holidays reeling from one of the biggest shocks that Britain's two main political parties have ever suffered. Candidates of the small Liberal Party came top of the poll in by-elections held on the same day in the two cathedral cities of Ripon and Ely, both seats held by the Conservatives continuously since 1945.

Everyone knew the Conservative Government was unpopular: rising prices, particularly for food, coupled with controls on wages are enough of an explanation for what is in any way a common enough phenomenon in the third year of a government. But the electors did not turn, as might have been expected, to the official Opposition, not even at Ely where the Labour Party had come within 1,500 votes of victory in the 1966 election.

Instead, they preferred to transfer their support to the Liberal Party, led by Mr. Jeremy Thorpe, none of whose MPs have ever served in a government. By doing so, they have raised again in a more insistent form the old question: are the electors really casting a protest vote against the way they are being and have been governed by the two main parties — a protest it is safe to make at a by-election when the future of the Government is not at stake — or are they serving notice that they are so dissatisfied with the performance of both the parties that they are prepared to turn to a third? Are the Liberals on the way to being a real third force in British politics? Is it even possible that, just as half a century ago, the Labour Party, representing the interests of the working class, replaced the Liberals as the party of the Left in this country, so in the future the Liberals might in their turn replace Labour?

Never since the war have the Liberals had more than 13 MPs in the House of Commons. With their two new recruits they will still only muster a force of 10 in a House of 630. Clearly they have a very long way to go. In each of the last few Parliaments they have managed to win one by-election, giving them a hope that revival was on the way. But each time the following general election dashed their hopes: these electors, having enjoyed the luxury of their protest, had returned to the serious business of choosing a government. At the last general election, in 1970, the Liberals were back at their lowest level of representation: only six of their 800-odd candidates were returned.

Yet within the last 12 months, they have won no less than four seats, three Conservative and one Labour. Adding together the votes in all the by-elections held during this period, the Liberals have polled more than either of the two big parties.

Without any doubt, the protest and the revival have this time a unique in post-war political history. The Liberals claim that this is because at long last they have broken through the credibility barrier.

They point to the opinion polls which have indicated for some time that, if only the electors believed the party could win, a really sizeable number of them would vote for it.

This is why they dare to be confident that this time the revival is here to stay. There is talk of 20, 30 or even 40 Liberals sitting in the next House of Commons, and very likely holding the balance between the other two parties. The evidence is by no means conclusive, but it is strong enough to make this look like a realisable aim for the first time since the 1920s. For one thing, the party has a better base in local government than it has had for very many years: next spring it will be the governing party in Britain's third biggest city, Liverpool.

The prospect should be worrying above all to the Labour Party. For these by-election surprises reflect worse on the challengers for power than they do on the party actually in power. Governments normally lose seats in mid-term. Yet in the last three years the Labour Party has managed to win only one seat from the Conservatives: a pathetic performance at a time when it claims the Government has been carrying out policies hateful to the country, forcing it into the European Common Market against its will, pushing up prices and unemployment to levels higher than ever in post-war history and at the same time launching an attack on the rights of trade unions.

Different people have different explanations for all this. Mr. Ian Mikardo, one of Labour's leading left-wingers, believes it is because the Labour Party, in Government and in Opposition, has not been socialist enough. Others believe it is because the Labour Party is constitutionally dominated by the trade unions, and that they have joined with the middle-class doctrinaire socialists to win control over the party in the constituencies.

It is also because the party leader, Mr. Harold Wilson, faced with this situation, prefers to blur the issues in contention within the party rather than to insist on the supremacy of the Parliamentary Labour Party with its majority of moderates, that the electors are reluctant to lend their support.

But this does not mean that the Liberals, who are radical but undogmatic, are going to replace the Labour Party. For one thing, they have very few experienced politicians capable of holding high office. What is much more likely is that their growing strength will force the Labour Party to choose whether it is going to be a dogmatic Socialist or an empirical radical party and whether it is going to be a class party, based on the trade unions, or a national party representing the whole of the leftward looking half of the nation.

At the moment, it is getting the worse of both worlds: its leadership is almost without exception moderate but the policies it is making, the propaganda it is putting out and the image it is presenting all reflect its old dogmatic socialist side. The resolution of this conflict can hardly come this side of next year's expected general election. But sooner or later it will have to come, or else the elector will force it to make way for a party which better reflects the structure of present-day society.

Readers' letters

INFLATION MUST BE STOPPED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have read with interest Moshe Ater's economic article on inflation and the social gap (July 10). How true it is that inflation, which in Israel is reflected substantially in real estate values, has widened the difference between Sephardim and Ashkenazim, between the Established and the Immigrant Class.

Does the Jewish Agency recognize that in spending money freely to attract newcomers, it contributes to the inflation which keeps Israelis in New York unable to return?

Does the Government realize that blanket expansion of the universities due to political pressure raises price levels which discourages savings and investments? And yet another medical school?

It is easy to measure expansion in square metres. How do you measure social gaps, *verida*, inhibited investment and decreased exports? Expansionary plans must be reviewed by Government and quasi-Government institutions to understand the complete result of such expenditures. Inflation must be stopped.

STANLEY M. BOGEN
New York, July 25.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am curious to know whether there is a specific reason for the non-introduction of Daylight Saving Time in Israel, as practised in the U.S. and in many European and Middle Eastern countries. Is there an objection to its introduction, or has the matter simply not been brought up to the authorities? I can see no concrete shortcomings in setting the clock one hour ahead during the summer months, and feel that this would have a highly positive effect on public morale.

SVI OFER

Jerusalem, July 24.
Daylight Saving Time was tried in Israel during World War II, but it proved not satisfactory. Farmers got up with the sun, and during the day they were forced to get up in the dark. Also, people wait for the cool of evening to relax, so summer was unable to get enough sleep. M.J.F.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE WORLD LABOUR ZIONIST MOVEMENT TO MARK THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF LABOUR ZIONISM

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Conference Programme, Friday, August 3, 1973

9.00-4.30 p.m. REVITALIZATION OF ZIONISM AND THE LABOUR ZIONIST MOVEMENT

Opening address: YITZHAK KORN, M.K., Secretary-General, Labour Zionist Movement

YAAQOV TSUR, Chairman of the Directorate of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael

Discussion: ONEG SHABBAT

8.00 p.m. Conference Programme for Sat., August 4, 1973

10.00-6.30 p.m. PROBLEMS OF ISRAELI SOCIETY

ABRAHAM YADLIN, M.K., Gen. Sec. Israel Labour Party — opening remarks

Discussion: PINHAS SAPIR, Minister of Finance, will speak on: STEPS TO CLOSE THE SOCIAL GAP

8.00-10.30 POLITICAL DISCUSSION WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF: SHIMON PERES, M.K., Minister of Transport and Communications

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